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Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council

Call to Order/Welcome/Introductions

A Regular Meeting of the First Things First Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council took place on March 13, 2014 at the Pascua Yaqui Tribal Education Center- Conference Room 243, 5100 West Calle Tetakusim, Tucson, Arizona, 85757. Chair Cecilia Garcia welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.

Members Present:

Chair Cecilia Garcia, Marilynn Sando, Pete Guerrero, Amalia Reyes, Hector Youtsey, Shanna loane-Tautolo, Juanita Ayala

Members Absent:

Francisco Munoz, John Jensen, Bill Rosenberg

Blessing

Member Guerrero provided a blessing.

Approval of January 23, 2014 Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Member Youtsey that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approve the minutes of the January 23, 2014 Regional Council meeting as presented, seconded by Member Tautolo. Motion carried.

Call to the Public

Amy Lyttle, Association for Supportive Child Care- Ms. Lyttle introduced herself to the regional council as the new TEACH Liaison.

Presentation and Discussion: System Building

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers provided a recap of the System Building discussion at the February 13, 2014 workgroup session. She mentioned that today's meeting agenda included two presentations for the system building discussions: Ili Uusim Mahtawapo (Head Start) and the Preschool Classroom at Johnson School.

Member Rosenberg was unable to attend the meeting; however, Regional Director Tiburcia Yocupicio-Chambers provided a brief overview of the MOU between the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tucson Unified School District (TUSD) and First Things First to provide preschool education experience to 16 tribal children from the Ili Uusim Mahtawapo (Head Start) waiting list at Johnson School.

Pat Delaney, TUSD Pace Program Coordinator, provided an update on the preschool classroom at Johnson School. She let the regional council know that Cathy Ramirez has been hired and has done an excellent job of getting the classroom set up. She mentioned that it was great to see the community of kids, parents and teachers coming together.

Update and Discussion: Ili Uusim Hiapsi (Project LAUNCH)

Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers mentioned that at the February 13th regional council workgroup session, TKay Estes from Sewa Uusim did a presentation about the Project LAUNCH Strategic Plan, which included a discussion with Kim Clark about the Home Visitation Strategy. Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers provided a brief recap of the presentation and discussion.



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Update and Possible Action: Election of the Regional Council Vice Chair

Chair Garcia reminded the regional council that they had received a resignation letter from former Vice Chair Elvia Holguin, and informed them that they would be holding an election. She asked the council for nominations or interest from any member for the position of Vice Chair. Member Youtsey volunteered.

A motion was made by Member Sando that the Pascua Yaqui Tribe Regional Partnership Council approves the election of Hector Youtsey as Vice Chair for the remaining of Fiscal Year 2014, which will end on June 30, 2014, seconded by Member Tautolo. Motion carried.

Regional Director's Report

Due to time constraints, Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers provided a brief overview of each item under her Director's Report and instructed the regional council to let her know if they had any questions. Additionally, Aggie Hart of First Things First provided an overview of her Community Outreach Report for March 2014.

General Discussion

Chair Garcia congratulated Member Guerrero on his recent appointment to Director of Education.

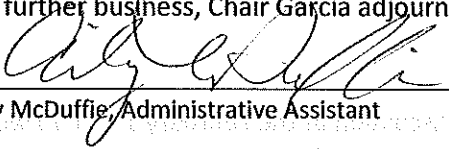
Ms. Yocupicio-Chambers and Erin Lyons, Senior Director, let the regional council know that there would be some upcoming changes to the regional council's workgroup session, primarily that the workgroup will now be called the "Program and Strategic Planning Committee".


Announcement of Next Regular Meeting

Chair Garcia announced that the next regional council meeting would be held on April 10, 2014.

Adjourn

As there was no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Submitted By 
Emily McDuffie, Administrative Assistant

Approved By 
Cecilia Garcia, Chair

Dated this 10 day of April, 2014